

H.B. 0380

MEDICAL EXAMINER REVISIONS

HOUSE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

AMENDMENT 1

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Representative **Raymond P. Ward** proposes the following amendments:

1. Page 8, Line 215:

215 ~~cause of death can be ascertained without an autopsy being performed.]~~

(c) If the deceased chose not to be seen or treated by a health care professional for a spiritual or religious reason, a district attorney, county attorney, or law enforcement agency, may not request an autopsy or inquest under Subsection (3)(a) solely because of the deceased's choice.

2. Page 8, Lines 216 through 218:

216 ~~{(c)}~~ **(d)** The medical examiner or medical examiner's designee may not conduct a requested
217 autopsy described in Subsection (3)(a) if the medical examiner or medical examiner's designee
218 determines **:**

(i) the request violates Subsection (3)(c); or

(ii) the cause of death can be determined without performing an autopsy.